

Recidivism Rates within One and Two Year Follow-up Periods for Felons Paroled to California Supervision California Department of Corrections First Release to Parole in 1998¹ By Principal Commitment Offense					
Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled	Returned within: ²			
		One Year		Two Years ³	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Murder First (Pre 11-8-78) ⁴	1				
Murder First ⁴	1				
Murder Second ⁴	12				
Manslaughter	461	115	24.95%	180	39.05%
Vehicular Manslaughter	168	26	15.48%	40	23.81%
Robbery	4,061	1,747	43.02%	2,380	58.61%
Assault/Deadly WP	2,535	1,032	40.71%	1,414	55.78%
Attempted Murder First ⁴	4				
Attempted Murder Second	299	93	31.10%	138	46.15%
Other Assault/Battery	2,774	1,224	44.12%	1,589	57.28%
Rape	283	95	33.57%	129	45.58%
Lewd Act With Child	1,050	284	27.05%	375	35.71%
Oral Copulation	100	26	26.00%	42	42.00%
Sodomy	29	5	17.24%	9	31.03%
Sexual Penetration with Object	57	19	33.33%	25	43.86%
Other Sex	578	278	48.10%	362	62.63%
Kidnapping	191	65	34.03%	89	46.60%
Burglary First	2,526	1,190	47.11%	1,519	60.13%
Burglary Second	3,832	1,997	52.11%	2,438	63.62%
Grand Theft	1,584	673	42.49%	848	53.54%
Petty Theft With Prior	3,912	2,216	56.65%	2,688	68.71%
Receiving Stolen Property	1,745	917	52.55%	1,122	64.30%
Vehicle Theft	2,651	1,461	55.11%	1,770	66.77%
Forgery/Fraud	1,246	458	36.76%	584	46.87%
Other Property	375	140	37.33%	167	44.53%
CS Possession	11,899	6,044	50.79%	7,408	62.26%
CS Possession for Sale	6,555	1,991	30.37%	2,695	41.11%
CS Sales	2,831	861	30.41%	1,115	39.39%
CS Manufacturing	943	243	25.77%	341	36.16%
CS Other	394	190	48.22%	223	56.60%
Hashish Possession ⁴	8				
Marijuana Possession for Sale	792	235	29.67%	311	39.27%
Marijuana Sale	491	133	27.09%	168	34.22%
Marijuana Other	80	15	18.75%	21	26.25%
Escape	146	73	50.00%	101	69.18%
Driving Under Influence	1,645	404	24.56%	591	35.93%
Arson	168	57	33.93%	71	42.26%
Possession Weapon	2,250	1,140	50.67%	1,427	63.42%
Other Offenses	1,502	639	42.54%	815	54.26%
TOTAL	60,179	26,092	43.36%	33,202	55.17%
¹ First release for felon new admissions and parole violators returned with a new term.					
² Returns to prison on new court commitments following discharge on this parole are not included.					
³ Returns within two years include returns within one year.					
⁴ Percentages not computed for less than 20 releases to parole. Totals include numbers not shown.					

DEFINITIONS AND FORMULAS

Recidivist: A felon who commits another offense.

Recidivism rate: The ratio of the number who recidivate to the number at risk of recidivating during a particular period.

Release period: A calendar year.

First release to parole: The first release to parole for felon new admissions and parole violators returned with a new term (PV-WNT).

Return to prison: Includes felons who are returned to Substance-Abuse Treatment-Control Units in correctional facilities; returned pending a revocation hearing by the Board of Prison Terms on charges of violating the conditions of parole; returned to custody for parole violations to serve revocation time; or returned to prison by a court for a new felony conviction.

Follow-up rate: The percentage of felons released to parole in California during a particular period that are returned to prison for any reason during a specified follow-up period.

Example rate = $(26,092/60,179) \times 100 = 43.36\%$

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